(ख) बिल, कालों की कुल संख्या (स्थानीय तथा एस.टी.डी. काल) के लिए जारी किए जाते हैं। शिकायतों की कुल संख्या जारी किए गए कुल बिलों की संख्या के 1 प्रतिशत से कम है।

(ग) आमतौर पर शिकायतें अधिक मीटरिंग से संबंधित होती हैं। कुछ शिकायतें कालों में बाधा उत्पन्न होने, दूरी के आधार पर प्रभारण आदि के संबंध में भी होती हैं। टेलीफोन बिलों की परिशुद्धता के लिए विभाग द्वारा पर्याप्त ध्यान रखा जा रहा है। लिपिकीय गलतियों तथा तकनीकी खराबी के कारण हुई गलतियों का पता लगने पर उनको ठीक कर दिया जाता है। मीटर रीडिंग के दौरान मीटर तेज चलने का पता लगने पर उस लाइन पर निगरानी रखी जाती है।

Theft of parcels fdom G.P.O. Jaipur

857. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the thefts of parcels containing precious stones and foreign currency worth several crores of Rupees from the foreign counter of G.P.O., Jaipur, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) whether the mystary has been unravelled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A theft of approximately 365 postal articles from Foreign Post, Jaipur GPO on the night of 17th/18th January, 1993 has been reported. While the liability of the Department of Posts, based on the insurance value/customs declaration is estimated to be in the range of Rs. 55-60 thousand, the local Customs authorities have estimated the value of the contants as about Rs. 92 lakhs.

(b) Investigations by the Department as well as by the Police have been taken up.

India's foreign exchange reserves

858. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MUHTMMAD MASOOD KHAN:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's foreign exchange reserves as at the end of November, December, 1992 and January, 1993;

(b) what is the percentage increase in Forex reserves registered during the period from January 1992 to January, 1993; and

(c) the steps taken to build up Forex reserves during the period and what is the contribution towards increase in reserves made, item-wise, by virtue of each measure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) at the end of November, December, 1992 and January, 1993 were Rs. 12,586 crores, Rs. 14,297 crores and Rs. 13,688 crores respectively.

(b) The percentage increase in foreign exchange reserves during the period January, 1992 to January, 1993 was 40.16 per cent.

(c) The steps initiated to build up foreign exchange reserves include effective implementation of the new system of Liberalised Exchange Rate Management, Liberalised Trade Policy regime, increased capital inflows both from bilateral and multilateral sources consistent with financial prudence and attracting